



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. MBHB 00-167-C)

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In re Application of:

Carl Werner et al.

Serial No.: 09/742,250

Filed: December 20, 2000

For: Apparatus and Method for Improving  
Resolution of a Current Mode Driver

Art Unit: 2819

Examiner: L. Nguyen

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1-14 and 16-20 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for improving resolution of a current mode driver, where the current mode driver is operable to provide an output that falls within a predetermined range, the method comprising the steps of:
- sensing at least one of a process condition, a voltage condition and a temperature condition;
  - adjusting full scale current of a DAC in accordance with the sensing step; and
  - setting a current control signal based on an output of the DAC, the current control signal being applied to the current mode driver.

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Sale Ref: 00000001 Date: 132490 09742250  
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**PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD**

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**CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I**

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS		
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	23 minus 20	3
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	34 minus 33	1
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II**

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total *	Minus ** 23	=
	Independent *	Minus ***	=
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM		<input type="checkbox"/>

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐ OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	385
X\$ 9=	
X43	
+145	
TOTAL	

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	770
X\$18=	
X86	
+290	
TOTAL	770

SMALL ENTITY OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
X43=	
+145	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$18=	
X86	
+290	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total *	Minus **	=
	Independent *	Minus ***	=
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM		<input type="checkbox"/>

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
X43	
+145	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$18=	
X86	
+290	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total *	Minus **	=
	Independent *	Minus ***	=
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM		<input type="checkbox"/>

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
X43	
+145	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$18=	
X86	
+290	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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  - \*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
  - \*\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."
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**CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I**  
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(Column 1)		(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS		
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	minus 20=	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

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**CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II**

AMENDMENT A	(Column 1)		(Column 2)		(Column 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA
Total	* 23	Minus	** 20	=	3
Independent	* 34	Minus	*** 3	=	0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					<input type="checkbox"/>

AMENDMENT B	(Column 1)		(Column 2)		(Column 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA
Total	* 23	Minus	** 23	=	
Independent	* 43	Minus	*** 43	=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					<input type="checkbox"/>

AMENDMENT C	(Column 1)		(Column 2)		(Column 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA
Total	*	Minus	**	=	
Independent	*	Minus	***	=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					<input type="checkbox"/>

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 \*\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."  
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SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐ OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE	OR	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	370.00	OR	BASIC FEE	740.00
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X42=		OR	X84=	
+140=		OR	+280=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	OR	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	34
X42=		OR	X84=	84
+140=		OR	+280=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	118

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	OR	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X42=		OR	X84=	
+140=		OR	+280=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	OR	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X42=		OR	X84=	
+140=		OR	+280=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

**PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD**  
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**CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I**

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS		
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	minus 20=	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

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**CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II**

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	8-805	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
Total	*	23	Minus ** 23 =
Independent	*	3	Minus *** 4.3 =
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
Total	*		Minus ** =
Independent	*		Minus *** =
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
Total	*		Minus ** =
Independent	*		Minus *** =
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

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**SMALL ENTITY TYPE** ☐

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	150.00
X\$ 25=	
X100=	
+180=	
TOTAL	

**OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY**

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	300.00
X\$50=	
X200=	
+360=	
TOTAL	

**SMALL ENTITY** ☐

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 25=	
X100=	
+180=	
TOTAL	
ADDIT. FEE	

**OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY**

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$50=	
X200=	
+360=	
TOTAL	
ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 25=	
X100=	
+180=	
TOTAL	
ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$50=	
X200=	
+360=	
TOTAL	
ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 25=	
X100=	
+180=	
TOTAL	
ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$50=	
X200=	
+360=	
TOTAL	
ADDIT. FEE	